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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) Procedure for control of the content of microorganisms in a sugary, aqueous process medium of extraction systems of the sugar industry using hops acid as the active substance, characterized by the fact that hops acid brought into solution in an aqueous alkaline medium is added to the process medium, whereby the pH value of the added solution is higher than the pH value of the process medium (and) the hops acid in the process medium passes over from the dissociated form into the non-dissociated form.